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SUBJECT: LEBANESE GOVERNMENT REACTION TO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

1. DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PRESIDENCY (DIB) TOLD EMBOFF
THAT PRESIDENT NIXON'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FRANGIE
EXPRESSING REGRET OVER MAY 16 BOMBINGS HAD BEEN
RECEIVED BY FRANGIE AND READ OUT DURING MEETING OF
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MORNING MAY 17. MESSAGE WAS
"VERY GREATLY APPRECIATED" BY ALL PRESENT, ACCORDING TO DIB.

2. DIB SAID THAT GOL HAS TAKEN DECISION NOT REPEAT
NOT TO REQUEST MEETING OF SECURITY COUNCIL IN
ORDER NOT CREATE ADDITIONAL COMPLICATIONS FOR
SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MISSION.

3. DIB ALSO NOTED THAT ISRAELI AIR FORCE HAD HIT
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TARGETS IN SOUTHERN BEKAA SHORTLY AFTER NOON MAY 17,

TARGETS APPARENTLY IN RELATIVELY UNINHABITED AREAS
AND PROBABLY MEANT TO BE FEDAYEEN ENCAMPMENTS ALTHOUGH
INITIAL REPORTS INDICATE THERE WERE SMALL NUMBER OF
LEBANESE CIVILIAN CASUALTIES. DIB SAID THAT THESE
ATTACKS HAD APPARENTLY COME BEFORE SECRETARY'S PRESS
STATEMENT IN JERUSALEM ON MAY 16 RAIDS. THIS STATEMENT,
LIKE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, ALSO GREATLY APPRECIATED.
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